

GERMAN REPLY ON LUSITANIA CASE REJECTED

Lansing Tells Von Bernstorff
Teutonic Proposals Are
Not Satisfactory.

TO FORMULATE DEMANDS

Premier Today Will Prepare
Memorandum of Exact
Language U. S. Expects.

Germany has again failed, in express
terms, to meet the demands of the United
States for a settlement of the Lusitania
controversy.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Am-
bassador, was so informed at a confer-
ence which he had yesterday afternoon
with Secretary of State Lansing. While
the Ambassador expects to confer again
this morning with the Secretary, it is not
now expected that anything approaching
a definite understanding can be reached
until after the embassy has received fur-
ther instructions from Berlin.

Although the latest exchange of views
has failed to bring about an agreement
between the two governments, both at
the State Department and at the em-
bassy, confidence is expressed that a
basis of adjustment will be reached in
the near future.

At the conference today it is expected
that Secretary Lansing will submit to the
Ambassador, in written form, the precise
language which this government regards
as essential to any final settlement of the
controversy. With the receipt of this
memorandum the Ambassador will for-
ward its contents to Berlin, his next
move necessarily being delayed until he
can get a reply with fresh instructions.

Conference Today.

The Secretary will hold a conference
at the White House some time during
the morning with the President, who, it
is understood, wishes to approve the
memorandum to be given to the Amba-
sador; and also to have an understand-
ing with the Secretary as to the gen-
eral foreign situation before he leaves
Washington for his stumping tour.

From authoritative sources it was
learned last night that the stumbling
block at the present time consists of
the unwillingness of the German govern-
ment to admit that the course of her
submarine warfare at the time the Lusitania
was destroyed was illegal. Though
willing to pay the United States indemnity
for the lives of the American men,
women and children who were lost, the
German government it was learned, wishes
to base this indemnity on a desire to
retain the friendship of the United
States rather than upon an admission
of wrongdoing.

Ferry Boats Collide in Fog.

New York, Jan. 25.—A number of per-
sons were injured and a serious accident
was narrowly averted when the Brook-
lyn ferry boat Gowanus, with 500 pas-
sengers on board, collided with another
ferry boat off the Battery today. The
accident was due to fog.

Work for All in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Official figures just com-
piled show that the number of unem-
ployed among both sexes in Paris has
been reduced from 229,000 to 73,477 since
the war began.

S. S. Chamberlain Dies.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Samuel S.
Chamberlain, one of the best-known
newspapermen in the country, and con-
nected with the Boston American, died
here today.

Prohibition Loses in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 25.—The State sen-
ate this afternoon voted down the State-
wide prohibition bill, 29 to 14.

Negro Says Mohr Was Slain So Wife Could Get Property

Witness Declares Brown Understood Control of Estate Was
Behind Murder—Mrs. Mohr Applied for Rights to
Administer Property on Day He Died.

By SOPHIE TREADWELL.

Providence, Jan. 25.—"I asked Brown
why Mrs. Mohr wanted to have the doc-
tor killed—whether it was jealousy or
what—and Brown said he understood it
was to get control of the doctor's es-
tate."

This was part of the testimony of
Ralph E. Bailey in the Mohr trial here
this afternoon. He was one of the many
reporters with whom the three negroes,
after their arrest, discussed the murder
of Dr. Franklin Mohr.

This statement might have passed as
insignificant had it not been for a subse-
quent bit of harmless-looking evidence
the State offered in the shape of the Pro-
bate Court proceedings affecting the es-
tate of the slain man.

Wilford D. Rogers, clerk of the Pro-
bate Court, identified at the request of
Attorney General Rice the application
made by Mrs. Mohr for appointment as
administratrix of her husband's estate.
Mr. Rice inquired casually, "And on

French Airships Set Monastir in Flames

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Saloniki, Jan. 26.—Fire result-
ing from an air raid by sixteen
French aeroplanes has partly
destroyed Monastir.

The same squadron of ae-
roplanes attacked the Austro-
German and Bulgarian camps
at Guevghele.

One hundred and eighty ex-
plosive and incendiary shells
were thrown on Monastir and
300 on Guevghele.

Estimates of the casualties
vary from 100 to 1,000.

All the aeroplanes returned
safely to their base. In some
cases their flight was nearly
200 miles.

MOOSE READY FOR REUNION

Perkins Would Drop Partisan-
ship to Oust Wilson from
White House.

ASSERTS PRESIDENT BRINGS DISHONOR ON THE COUNTRY

Progressive Committee Head Declares
that Party Can Poll 1912 Vote
if Machine Dominates G. O. P.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Jan. 25.—George W. Per-
kins today announced that the Progres-
sive party is ready to unite with the
Republicans to remove from the White
House the man who has brought so
much discredit and dishonor to our
country.

After reading the reports of the sen-
timent expressed in Chicago for fusion,
he dispatched a letter to Charles D.
Hilles, chairman of the Republican na-
tional committee, expressing his views.
His letter says:

"The Progressives will do anything
and everything they honorably can to
have both the Republicans and Progres-
sives name the same man for the
national ticket and adopt the same
platform, believing this to be the surest
way to remove from the White House
the man who has brought so much dis-
credit and dishonor to our country."

Will Lay Aside Partisanship.

"But the Progressives have no intention
of giving up their party organization.
This will be made so apparent as to
result in victory for the Progressive party
in next fall's election. The 4,000,000 voters
who supported our ticket in 1912 will re-
fuse to surrender to party machines in
1916."

"At this turning point in the world's
history, we will not stick on details. We
will lay aside partisanship and prejudice.
But we will never surrender the
principles for which we stood and still
stand."

"We will follow a leader who we know
stands for these principles, and who will
have the ability and courage to put them
through."

He was asked if he referred to Col.
Roosevelt as the man upon whom the
Republicans and Progressives should
unite.

"I have described no particular candi-
date," he answered. "Roosevelt needs no
description, does he? He stands alone."

ALLIES BOMBARD GUEVGHELE.

Thousands Reported Killed in Raid
by Sixteen Aeroplanes.

Rome, Jan. 25.—A telegram to the
Agenzia Nazionale says:
"Sixteen aeroplanes of the allies to-
day bombarded Guevghele, causing
very serious damage."

"The victims should number several
thousand."

STEEL COMMON TO PAY 5 PER CENT DIVIDEND

Confidence in Continued
Prosperity Shown by Board
of Directors.

EARNINGS ARE IMMENSE

Profits for Quarter Amount
to \$51,200,000, Says
Financial Statement.

By B. C. FORBES.

New York, Jan. 25.—The multi-million-
aire directors of the billion-dollar United
States Steel corporation today demon-
strated their faith in continued prosper-
ity.

They resumed payment of the full 5
per cent annual dividend on the half
billion common stock.

Their action, eagerly awaited, was jus-
tified by the submission to them of the
greatest quarter's earnings in the history
of the corporation—\$51,237,781.

The actual figures for the final three
months of 1915 exceeded the most opti-
mistic expectations.

As usual, the statement was not com-
pleted until early afternoon. After Judge
Gary had finished this important task—
which he does personally—the figures
were immediately laid before the finance
committee at 2:30. All the members were
present. J. P. Morgan, E. C. Fryck, had
returned from vacations to at-
tend.

At 3 o'clock the finance committee pro-
ceeded to the board room, where there
was a very large attendance of direc-
tors, including J. P. Morgan, D. G. Reid,
Thomas Morrison, E. C. Fryck, George
W. Perkins, Percy Roberts, and Robert
Bacon.

Great excitement prevailed in the cor-
ridors. Scores of newspaper men had
gathered to catch the first intimation of
the news which Wall Street has been
speculating on with an interest never
paralleled.

The official statement handed out by
E. H. Gary follows:

"The earnings for the quarter, amount-
ing to \$51,237,781, are \$5,738,094 larger than
in the previous quarter. As usual, they
were not made up until the day of the
meeting of the board of directors. The
amount of cash in banks is about \$106,000,000.

The payment of five per cent will
gratify not only the \$1,000 stockholders
who will receive a total of \$5,000,000,
but will have an immeasurable effect in
solidifying confidence throughout the
whole country. It shows the seal of the
most powerful directorate in the United
States to the growing conviction that
this country has entered an era of un-
exampled prosperity, an era not destined
to be of the flash in the pan variety, but
prolonged."

WANTS \$50,000 COMMISSION.

Williams Claims Wright Received
\$500,000 for Interest in Company.

New York, Jan. 25.—The terms of sale
of Orville Wright's controlling interest
in the Wright Aeroplane Company were
revealed today in a suit brought against
him by Philip W. Williamson. The latter
claims \$50,000 which he states is due
him as commission for inducing T. Frank
Minville to make the purchase.

According to Williamson, the price of
Wright's interest was \$500,000. Of this
amount \$250,000 was in cash and \$250,000
in two mortgages of equal amounts.
Wright is also retained as consulting en-
gineer of the company at a salary of
\$25,000 a year.

Justice Newberger signed an order re-
moving the suit to the United States
Court.

ALBANIAN PORT CAPTURED.

Austrians Also Capture Two Bat-
talions of Montenegrins.

Rome, Jan. 25.—The Austrians in
their southern sweep from Scutari,
which was captured on Monday, have
occupied San Giovanni (probably the
Albanian port of San Giovanni de
Medua).

The Rome Idea Nazionale, which
makes this announcement, also reports
that two Montenegrin battalions have
been made prisoners, and that the popu-
lation of San Giovanni has fled.

The Montenegrins are now carrying
on a guerrilla war, chiefly on the Tara
Boch Mountains, west of Scutari.

GOOD YEAR FOR CHARITY.

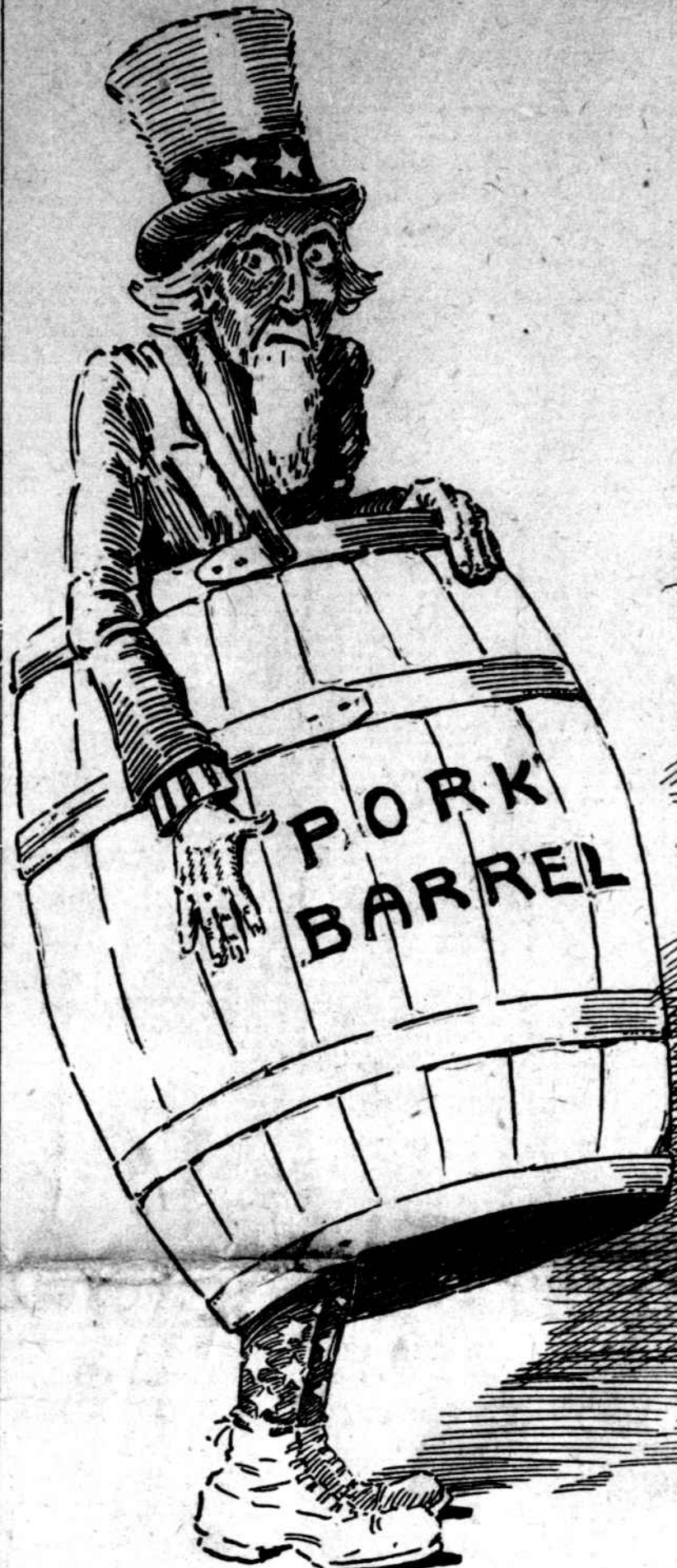
Choate Reports That 2,000 Children
Have Been Adopted.

New York, Jan. 25.—"This is the best
year for raising money that I have
ever known," said Joseph H. Choate at
the annual meeting of the State Char-
ities Aid Association today.

During the past year the association
took 1,181 children out of public insti-
tutions and placed them in private homes.

Seranton Has \$80,000 Fire.

Seranton, Pa., Jan. 25.—Fire early to-
day destroyed the clothing store of the
Philadelphia Specialty Company, on
Lackawanna avenue, caused serious
water and smoke damage to a large
4-and-10-cent store, a shoe store and
a large jewelry establishment. The fire
caused a loss estimated at \$97,000.
—Adv.



HIGH-PRICED HUMILIATION

HEIRESS WED TO CHAUFFEUR

Priscilla K. Von B. Ebling,
Secretly Marries Fritz
Wolfert, Employee.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Jan. 25.—Priscilla K. von
B. Ebling, heiress to \$500,000, and Fritz
Wolfert, formerly her mother's chauff-
eur, were secretly married in Gloucester,
Mass., on November 9. It was the
intention of the young couple to keep
their secret until the bride reaches her
twenty-first birthday next month. A
message from Gloucester tonight, how-
ever, upset their plans.

"Is it true that you and Mr. Wolfert
were married on November 9?" the
bride was asked tonight at her moth-
er's home in Weehawken.

"For goodness sake keep quiet until
I tell mamma," exclaimed the young
woman.

She darted away and there was a
long wait. Pretty soon she returned
with mother.

There was forgiveness in Mrs. E-
bling's eyes and a happy smile on Mrs.
Wolfert's face.

"Now you'll have to wait until I tele-
phone Fritz," announced the bride. An-
other wait. Then comes Fritz, stalwart
and handsome. If he hesitated for a
moment at the door, his fears were soon
dispelled.

"Mother knows all about it," exclaimed
his wife happily, as she threw herself in
his arms.

Wolfert came to this country five years
ago from Germany to make his fortune.
He is of good family and splendid ad-
dress. He started at the bottom of the
ladder, his first employment having been
as chauffeur in the Ebling family.

Ellis Island Order Cancelled.

New York, Jan. 25.—After a confer-
ence with steamship and hotel men at
Ellis Island today, Dr. J. B. Denmore,
chairman of a committee appointed by
Secretary of Labor Wilson, cancelled
the proposed order that all second-
class passengers must be taken to Ellis
Island.

Florida-Augusta-Cuba-South

Atlantic Coast Line. 4 All-steel elec-
tric-lighted trains daily via Standard R.
R. of South. Office, 1406 N. Y. Ave. N. W.
—Adv.

RELIEF FORCE IS DEFEATED

British Expedition Meets with
Reverse by Turks on
the Tigris.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 25.—Gen. Aylmer's relief
expedition has been defeated by the
Turks with great loss on the Tigris.

"We counted 3,000 English dead," says a
Reuter dispatch from Constantinople,
quoting from a Turkish official report.
This was the result of a six-hour battle
in which all the British attempts to break
through the cordon of Ottoman troops
around Kut-el-Amara were repulsed.

This battle was fought near Menzlah,
which is twenty-two miles east of Kut-
whila. The last battle reported was at
Sheik Said, which is only six miles east
of the beleaguered town. In this earlier
battle the English also lost 3,000 in killed
and wounded, according to Berlin reports
quoting English prisoners, making 6,000
casualties in these two battles.

Constantinople (via Berlin, wireless to
Sayville), Jan. 25.—Official: On the Irak
front the engagements continue about the
Kut-el-Amara position. English forces,
coming from Imam-Alli-Garbi, on Friday
attacked the Turkish positions near
Menzlah, about thirty-five kilometers
(twenty-two miles) east of Kut-el-Amara
on both banks of the Tigris.

The engagement lasted for six hours.
All the English attacks were repulsed
by counter-attacks. The English were
driven back several kilometers to the
eastward. About 3,000 English dead were
left on the battlefield. The Turkish
losses were comparatively slight. Gen.
Aylmer asked for a day's truce to bury
the dead.

Blow Maine Postoffice Safe.

Portland, Me., Jan. 25.—Burglars early
today blew the safe of the Seaboard Post-
office and escaped with \$300 in cash and
stamps.

Printers' President Dies.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—W. B. Prescott, for-
mer president of the International Typo-
graphical Union, is dead here today of
apoplexy.

LABOR WILL DEBATE WAR

British Workmen Probably
Will Vote Against Con-
scription at Congress.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 25.—The British Labor
Party conference which opens at Bristol
tonight is expected to be the most
momentous labor congress in the history
of England.

Six hundred delegates, representing
nearly two and a quarter million work-
ers, will meet and decide upon attitude of
labor in regard to the war, the govern-
ment, conscription, and the opening of
peace negotiations.

The power of the conference is absolute.
What the delegates decide upon must be
carried out, and labor members of
Parliament who refuse acquiescence will
either be forced to resign or be expelled.
The decision of the conference on the
conscription question is certain to be
overwhelmingly against the government's
measure. Lloyd George's hints at the
need of industrial conscription on ac-
count of the grave labor situation have
convincing trade unionists that the bill is
intended to pave the way for introduc-
tion of compulsion in the workshops.

Will Welcome Peace.

The labor men are deeply concerned
with the question of peace and what is
to come thereafter. One resolution to be
moved asks indorsement of the proposal
of the American Federation of Labor to
convene an international conference of
labor at the same time and place as that
of the peace commission meeting.

A significant action, indicating the
trend of thought of one section of the
working classes, was taken yesterday by
the Woman's Labor League, which
adopted resolutions against the military
service bill and welcoming peace medi-
ation. The resolutions also favored the
establishment of an international arbi-
tration court.

Fears for Francis Joseph.

Zurich, Jan. 25.—Information from a
high Austrian source states that Em-
peror Francis Joseph has a high fever
and that the physicians attending him
fear that complications may result from
the attack of bronchitis from which he
is suffering.

GERMANS AND ALLIES IN FIERCE ARTILLERY BATTLE IN FLANDERS

Teutons Apparently Attempt to Repeat His-
toric "Drive on Calais"—Entente Powers
Challenge Effort With Great Energy.

DUEL RAGES ON YSER FRONT

German Works Southeast of Boesinghe Violently Bombarded
and Serious Damage Inflicted—Teuton Birdmen
Shell Dunkirk—Nieuport Stormed.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Jan. 25.—The Germans and the allies are at grips in
Flanders in one of the most gigantic artillery duels in history. An ap-
parent attempt of the Germans to repeat their historic "drive on Calais"
in the fall of 1914 and the spring of 1915 has been challenged by the
allies with all the energy of their months of accumulation in munitions.

At only one point has either side essayed an infantry attack. This
was near Neuville St. Vaast, where the Germans attacked on a 1,500-
yard front. The French trenches were shattered, small captures of
men and guns were made, and a section of the French first-line trenches
were penetrated, but counter attacks again cleared the tumbled works,
and the French maintained their position.

TURKS SEEK PEACE TERMS

Heir Apparent and Officials
Said to Be Looking To-
ward Negotiations.

By C. F. BERTELLI.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Jan. 25.—News received in Paris
this afternoon that the heir apparent of
Turkey is seeking to bring about a sepa-
rate peace in conjunction with high
Turkish officials directly inspired by the
Kaiser's secret agents has created a real
sensation. The best informed Paris circles
give entire credence to the sensa-
tional report from the Athens corre-
spondent of the Paris Temps and find
confirmation in the following significant
circumstances:

First—The abandonment of the Tur-
kish expedition to Suez which they say
cannot occur this year because the rail-
road for the transportation of troops
cannot be built before the hot weather.

Second—The abandonment of the Turk
and Bulgarian offensive at Saloniki.

Third—The admission by Secretary of
the Treasury, in the Reichstag,
that Germany's financial situation is
precarious.

Fourth—The quartering of 50,000 Ger-
mans in Constantinople to check the im-
minent revolution.

The closest students of events here
point out that Turkey has long been a
dead weight on the Kaiser's hands.
The bankrupt Ottoman empire is only
able to uphold its end of the war as
long as Germany contributes the
money for troops and munitions.

French critics now point out that
Germany cannot contribute to Turkey
any longer, proof of which is contained
in the inability of the Turks to pro-
ceed against Suez and Saloniki with-
out Germany's help, which Helfferich's
speech indicated would not be forthcoming.

Furthermore, the best informed French-
men say the central empires are increas-
ingly alarmed at the growing menace of
the Russians on the Gallician front. They
cannot afford to squander the slightest
resource of men, money or arms on Tur-
key in the face of a Gallician crisis.

Ballet Russe Will Tame Its Shows to Suit U. S. Prudery

Satyr Will No Longer Be So Sportive with Veil Dropped at
His Feet, and Negro Slaves Will Be More
Decorous When Sultan Leaves Harem.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Jan. 25.—American prudery
triumphed over old world art today when
the management of the Ballet Russe
agreed to eliminate certain objectionable
features from the program at the
Century Theater.

The changes were decided on before
Chief Magistrate William McAdoo, who
sat as referee-critic in the controversy.
Present at the conference were rep-
resentatives of the Ballet and members
of the committee appointed by Third
Deputy Police Commissioner Dunham
to view the performances after numerous
complaints had been received.

Hereafter the cloven-footed satyr,
central figure in "L'apres Midi d'un
Faun," will not be so sportive with the
veil which is dropped at his feet by
one of the fauns. Neither will the negro
slaves become quite so demonstrative dur-
ing the absence of the sultan in the
harem scene of "Scheherazade."

It was these two features which aroused
objection. That either should prove
offensive came as quite a shock to the
super-artistic temperaments of M. Serge

de Diaghileff, grand sieigneur of the ballet,
and Lailou Tchernicheva, the premier
dancer.

"One test of a great work of art is in
its universal appeal. We have been
praised the world over for our perfor-
mance of 'The Faun' and 'Scheherazade.'
That we ever gave offense was unknown
until we reached New York."

Tchernicheva was speaking. To say that
her keenly edged temperament was ruf-
fled would be putting it lightly. What
she had to say was said in French, Ger-
man, Russian and very little English,
liberally accentuated with calisthenics.

And Leonide Massin—may be you think
he wasn't peeved. Take it from one of
the pros again, Massin was so peeved
that he ate nothing all day today. The
Czar's private brand of caviar and his
own distillation of vodka would not have
tempted Massin—again quoting the pub-
licity man.

"If one reads through the Bible objec-
tionable matter can be found," he said.
"Yet no one has ever said that the Bible
is not a good book. The same situation
can be applied to the performance of the
ballet Russe."